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Falls Church City Expands Capacity With New Pumping Station

Project completion improves service to City water customers now and into the future

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The newly installed underground Scotts Run Pumping Station is now operational, bringing enhanced capacity and security to customers of the Falls Church City water system.

Improvements to the Scotts Run Pumping Station began in March 2006 to replace the 1962 above-ground facility with a secure underground station equipped to provide adequate flow and pressure to deliver water to the new Tysons Water Tank. The tank was installed in June 2004 and its 2.2 million-gallon capacity makes it approximately one-third larger than the one it replaced. The new station can transfer a maximum of 10.8 million gallons per day (MGD), compared to the 8.1 MGD capacity of the old station.

Through decreased visibility, the new underground station increases physical security and minimizes the visual impact of the station on neighboring properties. The opening of the new Scotts Run Pumping Station marks the end of the City's temporary purchases from Fairfax Water while capital improvements were underway. The City has resumed purchasing water only from the Washington Aqueduct.

The Station opening also marks the completion of the City water system's Tysons Capital Improvements Project (CIP), which began in September 1998. The project included a new water storage tank in Tysons Corner; a 12-inch water main on Gallows Road; an underground pumping station at the Dunn Loring tank site; upgrades to the existing George Mason Pumping Station; and a new replacement facility for the existing Scotts Run Pumping Station.

The Tysons CIP equips the Falls Church City water system to support projected water demands within the Tysons Corner and Dunn Loring areas through the year 2020. This system-wide project increases water pressure throughout the service area.

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The City of Falls Church Department of Environmental Services water system service area includes 33 square miles of service lines reaching from the City of Falls Church to sections of Fairfax, McLean, Tysons Corner, and Vienna. The water system is supplied by the Washington Aqueduct, which draws water from the Potomac River. The Washington Aqueduct also supplies water to Arlington County and the District of Columbia.

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